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Sir:

In response to the Notice of Abandonment mailed March 23, 2005, please consider the following statements.

- 1. The Notice of Abandonment was mailed due to Applicant's failure to timely pay the required issue fee within the statutory period from the mailing date of the Notice of Allowance.
- 2. The Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due that required the above response was not received by the undersigned practitioner.
- 3. In a telephone conference with the examiner of the above-captioned patent application, the undersigned practitioner learned that the Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due was mailed on April 23, 2004. The due date for submitting the issue fee, therefore, was July 23, 2004.
- 4. It is customary for the undersigned practitioner to docket the due date for paying the issue fee, as well as a reminder two weeks prior to the issue fee due date.

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- 5. A search of the file jacket and docket records indicates that the Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due was not received.
- 6. A copy of the docket record where the non-received Office communication would have been entered had it been received and docketed is attached to this petition.
- 7. It is respectfully requested that this petition be granted and the Notice of Allowance re-mailed to the undersigned practitioner.

Respectfully submitted,

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